

said lip having an interior surface, an exterior surface, a backlip portion, and a frontlip portion;

each of said pair of sidewalls having an exterior surface and an interior surface;  
and

a plurality of ball retaining ridges formed on said interior surface of each of said pair of sidewalls.

6. <sup>1</sup>~~2~~ (New) The head for a lacrosse stick as recited in claim ~~8~~, wherein each of said plurality of ball retaining ridges has an underside extending downwardly and outwardly toward said opposing sidewall.

7. <sup>1</sup>~~3~~ (New) The head for a lacrosse stick as recited in claim ~~5~~, wherein said lip has a plurality of apertures formed therein and opening on both said interior surface and said exterior surface.

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8. <sup>3</sup>~~4~~ (New) The head for a lacrosse stick as recited in claim ~~7~~, wherein at least one of said plurality of apertures is a four-sided aperture.

9. <sup>4</sup>~~5~~ (New) The head for a lacrosse stick as recited in claim ~~8~~, further comprising a pair of ridges extending outwardly from said exterior surface of said lip and positioned around said at least one four-sided aperture.

10. <sup>5</sup>~~6~~ (New) The head for a lacrosse stick as recited in claim ~~9~~, wherein each of said pair of ridges is beveled in a decreasing dimension from said backlip portion to said frontlip portion.

11. <sup>3</sup>~~7~~ (New) The head for a lacrosse stick as recited in claim ~~7~~, wherein said interior surface of said lip has a plurality of recesses formed therein, associated with each of said plurality of apertures.

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12. (New) The head for a lacrosse stick as recited in claim 11, wherein said recesses increase in dimension from said aperture to said backlip portion.

13. (New) A head for a lacrosse stick, comprising:

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a base portion;

a pair of sidewalls diverging from said base portion and each having a plurality of apertures formed therein, said sidewalls each having an interior surface and an exterior surface;

a lip interconnecting said sidewalls opposite said base portion, said lip having a frontlip portion and a backlip portion;

an open frame defined by said base portion, said pair of sidewalls, and said lip;

a plurality of apertures formed through said lip;

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a lace threadedly connected to said frame through said plurality of apertures in each of said pair of sidewalls and said plurality of apertures formed through said lip; and

at least one ball retaining ridge formed on said interior surface of each of said sidewalls.

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14. (New) The head for a lacrosse stick as recited in claim 13, wherein each of said at least one ball retaining ridge has an underside that extends downwardly and outwardly toward said opposing sidewall.

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15. (New) The head for a lacrosse stick as recited in claim 13, wherein each of said apertures in said lip has a bottom surface proximate to said backlip portion, said bottom surface of each of said apertures being generally planar.

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16. (New) The head for a lacrosse stick as recited in claim 15, wherein said apertures in said lip are four-sided apertures.

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